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In re Application of:)
Tetsuya Oishi, et al.)
Serial No. To Be Assigned)
Filing Date: October 12, 2000)
For SPEECH PROCESSING SYSTEM)
AND METHOD THEREFOR)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

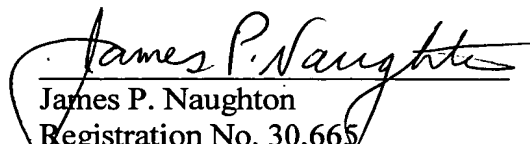
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit reference A1 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of this reference is enclosed herewith.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicants reserve the right to contest this reference as prior art against the present application, and Applicants do not believe that the disclosure of this reference, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicants' invention or that this reference make Applicants' invention obvious.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this document and make it of record.

Respectfully submitted,


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